## IN THE CLAIMS

1 (Currently Amended). A method of a server system custom provisioning a generically pre-provisioned client device, the method comprising:

receiving, at an Internet service provider, a request from a client device for Internet service a connection from the client device; and

downloading provisioning data to the generically pre-provisioned client device to enable the client device to receive an Internet service from said Internet service provider.

- 2 (Currently Amended). The method of claim 1 further comprising: authenticating the generically pre-provisioned client device; and the downloading being conditioned upon the authenticating.
- 3 (Currently Amended). The method of claim 2 further comprising:

  sending out-of-band data to a user of the generically pre-provisioned client device prior to receiving the connection.

Claims 4-7 (Canceled).

- 8 (New). A processor-based system comprising:

  a provisioning agent to enable said system to acquire from an Internet service provider the information the system needs to make an initial connection; and a storage, coupled to said agent, to store said information.
  - 9 (New). The system of claim 8 including an out-of-band communication interface.
- 10 (New). A processor-based system comprising:

  a provisioning server to enable said system to respond to a client request with information the client needs to make an initial connection to the server; and an address server coupled to said provisioning server.

- 11 (New). The system of claim 10 including a static address server.
- 12 (New). The system of claim 10 including a dynamic address server.